

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 10/590,706	:	Group Art Unit 3742
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LASER WELDING METHOD	:	<b>Mail Stop: AF</b>

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
ART UNIT 3700**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2011, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows.